

# REPORT OF THE SECTION ON PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

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## The Continued Fevers of North Carolina.

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I HAVE no apology to offer for bringing before you to-day a subject with which you are already familiar, which you have often discussed, and of which no doubt you are growing weary.

The frequency with which the continued fevers of North Carolina recur ; the honest doubt that often exists in the mind of the most intelligent clinician as to the nature of the fever with which he has to deal ; and the stern fact that the responsibility of solving the problem rests upon the practical country doctor, and not upon some theorist in a far away German laboratory, makes it imperative that this subject should ever be kept fresh in our minds. I have no new theories to advance, but have tabulated answers to fifty circular letters of inquiry in regard to these fevers, sent to representative men in various sections of the State. In addition to the answers sent to me I have drawn from similar reports made in neighboring States, from the latest text books, and from current literature on the subject.

Having made my report I will be followed by gentlemen eminently qualified to discuss this broad subject in its various phases.

1. How do you classify the fevers seen in your practice?

To this question the answers were : Malarial, typhoid and simple continued or ephemeral. Six answers included typhomalarial and of these two indicated that they regarded typhomalaria as a distinct disease.

2. To what extent do they prevail and what is the mortality of each?